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**RE: Request Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act – FOIA #20-007**

Dear Mr. Ratliff:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated November 1, 2019 to the U.S. Agency for Global Media (USAGM), which the Agency received on the same day. In your request, you sought

*“Agency records from January 1, 2018 to November 1, 2019: Memoranda, policies, rules, guidelines, and procedural manuals that mention Winnie the Pooh or both Winnie the Pooh and Chinese President Xi Jinping. By “Winnie the Pooh,” I refer to the fictional anthropomorphic teddy bear character credited by English author A.A. Milne, described here: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Winnie-the-Pooh”;> By “Chinese President Xi Jinping,” I refer to the current President of the People’s Republic of China and General Secretary of the Communist Party of China, described here: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Xi\\_Jinping.”](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Xi_Jinping.”)*

We have conducted a search of the agency’s records and determined that USAGM does not have any documents responsive to your request.

This concludes the Agency’s response to your FOIA request and it is now closed. You may contact me or the Agency’s FOIA Public Liaison at 202-203-4550 for further assistance or to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS  
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Telephone: 202-741-5770  
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Finally, if you are not satisfied with this response to your request, you may file an administrative appeal with the Agency by writing to: Chairperson, Access Appeal Committee, USAGM, Suite 3349, 330 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20237. Your appeal must be postmarked or transmitted by fax to 202-203-4548 within 90 days of the date of this letter.

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact me at 202-203-4550, the Office of the General Counsel at the above address, or at [foia@usagm.gov](mailto:foia@usagm.gov).

Sincerely,

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